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On behalf of my colleagues at the California Energy Commission, I want to express our sincerest gratitude for your participation in the **2003 Integrated Energy Policy Report**. Your involvement contributed to lively and informative debate on key energy issues confronting the state. We recognize that the abbreviated schedule for the **2003 Energy Report** placed a considerable burden on your resources and those of our own staff. Yet, with your help, we produced and delivered to the Governor a focused, high-quality document.

In last year's report we identified the following three topics to be included in the 2004 update:

- ◆ re-powering, refurbishing, replacing old power plants;
- ◆ transmission planning and permitting; and
- ◆ long-term renewable targets.

We are keenly interested in hearing from you and other interested parties regarding the assumptions and methodologies we plan to use in addressing each of the three topics. We also plan to include in the 2004 update a summary of the state's progress in addressing the recommendations and myriad analytical commitments included in the **2003 Energy Report** documents.

In November 2003, we held the first public workshop on transmission planning and permitting. Our next public workshop, on aging power plants, will be held later this month. We are planning to hold additional public workshops on each topic over the next several months.

Lastly, we have begun planning for the **2005 Energy Report**. We are interested in hearing from you and others who participated in the **2003 Energy Report** as we develop the scope and plan for the 2005 report. In addition to the assessments and forecasts specifically called for in SB 1389, we anticipate focusing technical and policy analyses around a few key issues that are likely to require specific attention from the Governor and Legislature in late 2005.

We invite you and all interested parties to provide suggestions for one or two such key issues to the Energy Commission's 2005 Energy Report Committee in the coming weeks. The Committee plans to hold a public meeting early this summer to "kickoff" the

**2005 Energy Report** process. In advance of that meeting, the Committee will publish its initial list of potential key issues for public discussion and comment at the meeting. Please submit your suggestions to Kevin Kennedy, **2005 Energy Report** Project Manager, at:

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You may also e-mail your suggestions to [kkennedy@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kkennedy@energy.state.ca.us).

To facilitate public input, we have retained the 2003 electronic service list for the 2004 update and **2005 Energy Report** process. Notices and documents for these proceedings will be posted to the Energy Commission website (<http://www.energy.ca.gov/energypolicy/index.html>). When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the email list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the web site. Though email is not the best way to send thanks, our reliance on the list server for most communication with interested parties during 2003 has left this the most reliable way to reach those who participated to say thank you. If you would like a copy of the final **2003 Energy Report** in hard copy or on CD, please contact Kevin Kennedy at the address above.

We want to thank you and all those who participated in the **2003 Energy Report** process and look forward to working with you as we explore issues for the 2004 update and **2005 Energy Report**.

Sincerely,

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